

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S.J. Res. 7, Republic of Yemen, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1807–S1853

Measures Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 765–791, and S. Res. 108. **Pages S1844–45**

Measures Reported:

S. 46, to repeal the Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Act. (S. Rept. No. 116–6)

S. 50, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess sanitation and safety conditions at Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities that were constructed to provide affected Columbia River Treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds and expend funds on construction of facilities and structures to improve those conditions. (S. Rept. No. 116–7) **Page S1844**

Measures Passed:

Republic of Yemen: By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 48), Senate passed S. J. Res. 7, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1829–36**

Adopted:

Lee (for Paul) Amendment No. 193, to provide that nothing in the joint resolution may be construed as authorizing the use of military force. **Pages S1829–35**

Lee (for Rubio/Cornyn) Amendment No. 195, to provide a rule of construction regarding intelligence sharing. **Pages S1829–35**

Rejected:

Lee (for Inhofe/Cornyn) Amendment No. 194, to provide an exception for supporting efforts to defend against ballistic missile, cruise missile, and unmanned aerial vehicle threats to civilian population centers in coalition countries, including locations where citizens and nationals of the United States reside. (By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 47), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1829–35**

Honoring Representative Walter Beamon Jones, Jr.: Senate agreed to S. Res. 108, honoring the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Representative Walter Beamon Jones, Jr. **Page S1853**

National Emergency Declaration—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 14, 2019, the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from further consideration of H.J. Res. 46, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019, and Senate begin consideration of the joint resolution, and that no amendments be in order to the joint resolution. **Page S1853**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 44), Neomi J. Rao, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S1807–19**

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 46), William Beach, of Kansas, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, for a term of four years. **Pages S1819–22**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 45), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S1819–20**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: Pages S1852–53

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—48) Pages S1819–20, S1822, S1835

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1853.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Heath P. Tarbert, of Maryland, to be Chairman and to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of the Air Force, after receiving testimony from Heather Wilson, Secretary, and General David L. Goldfein, Chief of Staff, both of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

U.S. NAVAL FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower received a closed briefing on the most significant threats to United States Naval Forces and how Naval Forces plan to operate in a contested environment from Anthony Schinella, National Intelligence Officer for Military Issues, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and John F. Stratton, Senior Military Analyst, Office of Naval Intelligence, Vice Admiral William R. Merz, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Systems, and Lieutenant General David H. Berger, USMC, Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps for Combat Development and Integration, all of the Department of Defense.

BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020, after receiving testimony

from Russell Vought, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget.

THE NEW SPACE RACE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the new space race, focusing on ensuring United States global leadership on the final frontier, after receiving testimony from James F. Bridenstine, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and Kevin M. O'Connell, Director, Office of Space Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an original bill entitled, "Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of 2019", after receiving testimony from Dale Krapf, Krapf School Bus, West Chester, Pennsylvania; Kurt Nagle, American Association of Port Authorities, Alexandria, Virginia; and Timothy V. Johnson, Corning Incorporated, Corning, New York.

U.S.-CHINA COMPETITION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a new approach for an era of United States-China competition, after receiving testimony from former Senator Jim Talent; and Oriana Skylar Mastro, Georgetown University Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Daniel P. Collins, and Kenneth Kiyul Lee, who was introduced by Senator Cotton, both of California, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded an oversight hearing to examine the United States Patent and Trademark Office, after receiving testimony from Andrei Iancu, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, and Director, Patent and Trademark Office.

CYBER CRIME

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine cyber crime, focusing on the threat to small businesses, including S. 771, to amend section 21 of the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors, S. 772, to require an annual report on the cybersecurity of the Small Business Administration, after receiving testimony from

Charles H. Romine, Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Maria Roat, Chief Information Officer, Small Business Administration; Karen A. Harper, Charles River Analytics Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the National Small Business Association; Elizabeth Hyman, CompTIA, Washington, D.C.; and Stacey

Smith, Cybersecurity Association of Maryland, Inc., Baltimore.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of John Lowry III, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 49 public bills, H.R. 1686, 5, 1704–1750; 2 private bills, H.R. 1751–1752; and 9 resolutions, H. Res. 220–228, were introduced. **Pages H2714–17**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2719–20**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Soto to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2683**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2689**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Acknowledging that the lack of sunlight and transparency in financial transactions and corporate formation poses a threat to our national security and our economy's security and supporting efforts to close related loopholes: H. Res. 206, amended, acknowledging that the lack of sunlight and transparency in financial transactions and corporate formation poses a threat to our national security and our economy's security and supporting efforts to close related loopholes; **Pages H2697–H2701**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Acknowledging that the lack of sunlight and transparency in financial transactions poses a threat to our national security and our economy's security and supporting efforts to close related loopholes."

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Expressing the sense of Congress that the report of Special Counsel Mueller should be made available to the public and to Congress—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 208, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 24) expressing the sense of Congress that the report of Special Counsel Mueller should be made available to the public and to Con-

gress, by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 124, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H2690–97, H2701–02**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 14th. **Page H2702**

United States Holocaust Memorial Council—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Representatives Zeldin and Kustoff (TN).

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British-American Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Representative Holding. **Page H2705**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H2701–02. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held an oversight hearing on the General Services Administration. Testimony was heard from Emily W. Murphy, Administrator, General Services Administration.

STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES: BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "Stakeholder Perspectives: Building Resilient Communities". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.